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Fáilte Ar Ais

Fáilte romhaibh ar ais tar éis an samhradh. Tá sé iontach a bheith ar ais arís. Welcome to the 2022/2023 school year, one which we hope will be enjoyable and productive for all.

It was wonderful to welcome a new class of Junior Infants last week. They have settled in so well and we look forward to tracking their development in the weeks and months to come. They finished a little earlier last week as they got used to their new surroundings, but their normal school day starts from today September 5th (9:20am - 2pm).

I'd like to remind you all that the school starts at 9.20am. ***No child should be on the school grounds before 9am*** as we are not insured before then. We encourage you to use the church car park and path from the school if possible, in the morning and afternoon, in an effort to alleviate traffic congestion outside the school.



Football

The children in the senior classrooms are very excited about Cumann na mBunscol Football competitions beginning soon. Once again, we will field two boys teams and two girls teams. Preparations have begun already and we look forward to showing off our new jerseys. Parents are welcome to attend home games but we ask you to enter through the gate near the church. Best of luck to the boys and girls in the coming weeks.



Student Council

Our current Student Council's term will soon come to an end. They have been fantastic representatives of our school and we are very grateful for all their hard work throughout the year. A new Student Council will be elected by their peers before the end of the month. I'm sure they'll continue to provide an opportunity for pupils to voice their opinions and offer suggestions in relation to many aspects of school life. Pictured below are members of our outgoing Student Council with our new school jerseys. They fundraised for these and the design is completely their own. What a great job they did. Many thanks also to our Parents' Association for helping to subsidise the cost.



Book Rental & Requisites

The school financial year commenced on September 1st. Therefore, payments for book rental & requisites for the 2022/2023 school year are payable through the month of September. You will be provided with a link to Aladdin online payments. Cheque or cash payments are acceptable, but we encourage all parents/guardians to avail of our online payment option if possible.

Please contact Amanda (office@rathns.com / 0578626270) if you require assistance. We are conscious of the financial pressures placed on families at this time of the year and we have tried to keep costs down. Payments can be made in smaller increments over time.

Computer Classes

Computer lessons with Ríomhairetech will recommence on Monday September 19th with the pupils in 3rd Class to 6th Class. These lessons will run for the remaining Mondays in Term 1. Amanda will set up a payment option on Aladdin. It will cost €10 per pupil with our Parents' Association subsidising the remaining costs.



Gaeilge

Bain triail as beagán Gaeilge sa bhaile. We place an emphasis on spoken and informal Irish across the school – both inside and outside the classroom. We want to instil an awareness among the children that Gaeilge is a living language. This in turn helps to create a positive outlook among pupils towards Gaeilge. It would be great if the children could hear you speak ‘cúpla focal’ at home. Each month, we will pick a number of phrases to work on - in school and at home. Bain triail as agus bain taitneamh as chomh maith!



Meán Fómhair (September)

Seachtain	Gach Rang (each class)	Rang 3 – Rang 6
1	‘dia duit’, ‘dia is Muire duit’ (hello)	Mora duit/daoibh ar maidin (good morning)
2	Slán (goodbye)	Feicfidh mé thu ar ball (I’ll see you later)
3	Conás atá tú? (how are you?)	Tá/Níl mé go maith/go hiontach
4	Go raibh maith agat (thank you)	Fáilte romhat (you’re welcome)

Covid-19

Thankfully we could open the school last week with little or no restrictions in place. After nearly two years of interrupted learning and restrictions, it is great to be back in what feels like a 'normal' school experience. However, we are aware that there are still cases of Covid-19 in the community and the Department of Education issued the following advice to schools last week:

- Stay at home if you are unwell and until such time as you're symptom free for 48 hours.
- Maintain a good standard of hand hygiene.
- Ensure good ventilation arrangements.

We will continue to follow the guidelines from the Department of Education and the HSE, and we ask you to please ensure your child doesn't come to school if they're feeling unwell.

Code of Behaviour

In recent years, we have implemented our new Code of Behaviour across the school. The feedback from staff, pupils and parents is that it's a very fair and clear document, and it allows the pupils to learn in a safe environment. Our traffic light system is predicated on our four basic school rules:

1. I have respect for people and for property.
2. I do my best in class and allow others to do the same.
3. I behave in a proper manner around the school.
4. I play safely and fairly.

At the beginning of another school year, we will familiarise the children with the rules once more and how our code of behaviour operates. Copies are available to download from the website. Our overarching aim is to promote positive behaviour and respect for one another.

Parents' Association Noticeboard

Fáilte- We would like to welcome everyone back to school, a special welcome to the new Naíonáin Bheaga. We hope everyone has a happy, safe and productive year.

Facebook – We have a Facebook page, Rath NS Parents Council (2022/2023). It is a private group therefore we ask that you answer the three questions asked in order to join. The page is used to share information about events the PA organises and other events in the area that might be of interest to parents and guardians.

Meeting – The first meeting of the year will take place on 19th of September 8:30 pm in the school. All parents and guardians are members of the Parents' Association, we would love to see more parents and guardians involved. All help and new ideas are more than welcome at all times.

AGM – We will hold an AGM in early October.

